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Bits of Song Lore.

"Rule, Britannia" is usually credited to James Thomson. It first appeared in a play entitled "Alfred," by Thomson and Miller, in 1740. The air was by Dr. Thomas Arne.

"Auld Lang Syne" is of uncertain origin, there being several versions of this dearest of popular songs. It is by Burns, but only the second and third stanzas are by this poet, the remainder being from the pen of Ramsay. The song is of uncertain antiquity; one version is dated 1716 and another is said to date from the sixteenth century.

"The Weaving of the Green" exists in several forms and versions. The best known one was written by Dion Boscovich, the dramatist. It is sung by Shaun the Post in "Arrah-na-Pogue."

"The Blue Bells of Scotland" was the work of Anne McVicar, afterward Mrs. Grant, the daughter of a Scottish officer in the British army. The melody was long believed to be Scottish, but is now known to be of English origin, being an old English folk-song.

"My Home, My Home on a Willow Tree" has attached to it a bit of royal romance. It was written by a young nobleman who became deeply enamored of Queen Victoria a year or so before she ascended the English throne, which event destroyed his hopes of winning her hand. The words first appeared in an English magazine and were set to music by Wellington Gurney.

"Kathleen Mavourneen" was written by Mrs. Crawford, an Irish lady, whose name many years ago were in high repute. The music was by Cronch, an eccentric genius, who in his old age and poverty begged his way into a concert given by Tiltons, that he might hear his own composition fully sung.

"Love's Young Dream" is one of Moore's best, was set by him to an Irish tune called "The Old Woman." Moore heard the tune from a blind fiddler, wrote it down, and, discerning its beauty, determined that it should have better words than the non-sensical verses to which it was sung by the Irish peasantry.

Echoes of Bunker Hill.

If the United States will give Spain emphatic notice that her tyranny in Cuba must end, and give a moral support to the oppressed Cubans, who are so bravely and desperately struggling for liberty, the success of the revolution will be assured. Aurora Beacon.

The intensity of feeling has now entered the stage of public meetings. It will be strange if it does not force some action which will permanently benefit the people of Cuba. The time has also gone by when brutal misgovernment like that of Spain over a great colony can be upheld at our very doors.—Rockford Register-Gazette.

This country has been exceedingly forbearing in its intercourse with Spain, but the limit has been reached, and exact justice should be henceforth demanded.—Baltimore American.

Certainly the patriots of Cuba have maintained their cause long enough to be entitled to belligerent rights, and this nation should recognize them as such in satisfying the brave people as free and independent.—Bloomington Eye.

The recognition of at least their status as belligerents should be no longer delayed.—St. Joseph Herald.

Things and People Curious.

On a farm at Hamilton, Mo., is a cherry tree that is now bearing its second crop of cherries of this year's growth. On the same farm, there is a pear tree that has borne a full crop in due season this year and is now again in full blossom, and a few miles from this is an apple tree that is covered with a second crop of this year's fruit.

A bright San Francisco man has been coining money by drawing a bead on Durand, the murderer, through a court-room window with a telescope and renting the eye hole to look at "tin cents a peep."

Joseph Fallowfield, of Brompton, Ont., a laborer in almost destitute circumstances, with a wife and five children, has received word that his little has died in London, England, leaving him £250,000.

A six-year-old German boy arrived in Santa Cruz, Cal., last week, having made the entire trip from Bremen to that place alone. He wore a tag bearing the name and address of his California friends and had a ticket to San Francisco. He says he received great attention and the utmost kindness from everybody during the journey.

A famous Chippewa chief, known as Buga Powagwan, was out in a canoe on Beaver Dam Lake, Wis., recently with his squaw when the boat upset. The squaw swam ashore, but Buga's head of liquor took him down. He was 105 years old.

The morning, evening and Sunday Times delivered to your house cost you but 1-2-3 cents a day, or 50 cents a month.

DOINGS ON THE RACE TRACK

District Horse in the Fast Race at Pimlico To-day.

Crocker Offers \$200,000 for Rey del Corral. He Wants to Strengthen His Stable in England With Him.

(Special to The Times.)

Baltimore, Md., Oct. 2.—There was a fair crowd at Pimlico yesterday, though it was not what was expected. The races were of a fairly interesting kind, though nothing notable was accomplished in the way of fast time.

There was but one entry from Washington in any of the events. That was Princess in the first race, where she was a \$1,000 favorite. The mare finished 5, 8 and 6, and then the race was carried over until today. Skipper won the first heat in 2:21 1-4 and the second in 2:21 1-4. He will race the third heat in 2:21 1-4 and 2:21.

Richard Crocker won't talk politics, but he will talk horse. He said on Monday that he would remain here this winter and return to England in the spring to resume racing operations there. He will probably take several good horses over with him.

It was telegraphed broadcast on Monday that Phil Dwyer had sold Appleton to Mr. Bond for \$8,000. Dwyer says the report is not true, and that he has no intention of parting with the colt.

Domest is the favorite for the Transylvania stake to be trotted at Lexington. This is on the theory that it will be a split heat affair, and that she will outlast those in the race with faster records.

Great interest is being taken in the Champion Stakes at the coming St. Louis Fair. In order to attract an unprecedented showing of the stock the management offered the largest stake ever offered on a similar occasion, \$800 going to the first, \$300 to the second and \$150 to the third horse, mare or gelding. Twelve entries have been made, the horses coming from every section of the country. Nearly all of the entries are stallions, and to win the prize will give the lucky horse a great boom.

Domest has been retired for the year, and perhaps for all time. The Krenos have concluded to sell him as a good horse as he formerly was.

Richard Crocker has offered \$30,000 for the colt Rey del Corral. He wants to send him to England.

GIANTS WILL BESTRONG.

Freeman Signing Crack Players From All Quarters.

New York, Oct. 2.—It now is evident that President Freeman is determined to have many crack players in New York next year, if money will get one.

He has announced that he has already signed George Davis, Lawrence, Bertam, the new Irishman, E. J. Doherty, Fred Pfeiffer and Butler, Cullen, Stafford and Terman. He also has accepted terms for next year. All of the other members of the team, including Westervelt, have accepted terms for next year.

On Monday the New York Club offered a contract to him calling for \$2,000, which he refused to sign. He has been offered \$1,500 this year, and that, as he had to pay \$100 fine, he does not get the net amount. He thinks that if he had had to pay \$100 fine, he should at least get the net amount of \$2,000 or \$2,500.

Next on the Europa programme is the bout between Billy Woods and George Godfrey. Woods has been working with Godfrey for the past two weeks, and is already in good condition. He will go into the country this week to put on the finishing touches. He will probably be helped in his work by Ted Alexander.

Hite Peckham, having gotten through with his work of turning up McMillan for the Gorman meeting, is now out of the job, and says he is ready to meet any of the 140-pounders that the Europa or any other club may see fit to match him against. Peckham has been in the ring with McMillan, and is in good condition for the fight.

LONG BICYCLE RIDE.

From New York to San Francisco in Forty-eight Days.

W. D. Blake and N. A. Winquist, two businessmen hailing from Chicago, started from the City Hall, New York, yesterday, to ride their wheels to San Francisco. They are making the trip on a wager, and will reach their destination in 48 days and 18 hours.

The trip is the longest one undertaken this year by two men riding twenty-pound wheels, and have hauled themselves with all the luggage as possible. Aside from necessary clothing, they will carry a small amount of food. The greater part of the riding will be done by daylight, but when conditions favor, the tourists will ride at night. All the time they expect to remain on the road from sundown to sundown.

The route to be followed, as far as Chicago, will be over the same course as that taken by Robert Beards, in his last record ride from that city to the metropolis. Leaving Chicago, they will stick to the Santa Fe route, and proceed direct to Los Angeles, from which point the remainder of the journey to the Golden Gate will be taken over the coast. Blake and his companion are enthusiastic over their undertaking. They do not expect to experience any hardships, and count upon completing the trip in about forty-five days.

READY FOR THE FRY.

First Game for the Temple Cup to Be Played To-day.

(Special to The Times.)

Cleveland, Oct. 2.—Everything looks encouraging for the first game in the Temple Cup series. The Baltimore team arrived here last evening. All the men are in splendid condition and good spirits.

The weather is a little cool, but bright, and the prospects are for a great crowd this afternoon. Reserved seats are sold for \$1 each, and excursion trains will run into the city on each of the playing days.

The Cleveland papers promise that the home club will give the Orioles a surprise. Although no announcement has been made yet as to pitchers for today's game, it is thought McMahon and Cuddy will be the men. Both teams are anxious to win the first game.

The champions have with them an army of roosters from Baltimore and elsewhere, who make the corridors of the Hollenden Hotel gaily with their display of "orange and black."

Keefe and Hurst are here ready to do the umpiring, and Emile is expected this afternoon. Consistent betting on the result of the series is being done, mostly at even money.

SCRAPPY JIM TALKS FIGHT

Admits That Lanky Bob Is the Best Man He Ever Met.

Champion Looks and Feels Well and Has No Hesitancy in Assuring Admirers That He Will Win.

The coming to Washington yesterday of Champion Corbett was attended with grave silence. His going was not marked by any demonstration of sorrow.

The Corbett party, which consisted of the champion, Mrs. Corbett, mother Joe and Manager Billy Brady, arrived at 3:30 in the afternoon, and took quarters at the Raleigh. They spent only a few minutes there, and then proceeded to the fight hall, where Jim was advised to play ball. After the game was over the quartette again repaired to the Raleigh. In the evening they spent an hour at a theater, and at 10:40 took their departure for the South.

A Times reporter had a talk to Corbett in his room at the hotel. When interrogated as to what he thought about his fight with the disgraced Australian, Corbett assured him of absolute confidence. He thought he would down him.

"Will you," he said, "tell me what you think of me?" "Well, you can't beat your life on it," and he leaned back in his chair and stretched his legs with an expression that said "just give me a chance at Mr. Fitz."

His next remark disappointed any idea, however, that he thought he had an easy thing of it in his contest with the Englishman. "I don't want you to think that I do not appreciate the fact that I have a hard job cut out for me," he said. "I know I am the best man that I have ever met and I am taking my thinking cap all the time for some new idea that I can spring on him when we meet in the ring."

"Now this time," he said, "as he laid his hand on the member that he bugged up when he took a copper of his wheel, I shall be ready to take him on the head of trouble. But what I think I will do is to let him know that I am not a ring at all, but when you hit your kneecap it takes a long time to beat it up."

"I would rather break an arm anytime than have anything serious happen to my knees. Every time you touch your knee to the ground it hurts, and when you think the whole thing is well the knee starts to ache again."

"With that one exception, however, I am in good condition. In fact, I was never in better shape. I am not a little out of it at this moment, and if I stick to my gun I will have no excuse in the world to let him get the best of me."

"Do I think the fight will come off?" he said. "Yes, I think it will. I am just as positive that I will meet Fitzsimmons as I am that I will win."

"There is a bare chance that it may not take place in Dallas, but it can be moved to any other place. I am not afraid of a fight, and I am not afraid of a fight."

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LONG TO BEAT AMERICANS

Englishmen Challenge Conneff and Kilpatrick to Run.

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London, Oct. 2.—E. C. Broden, of the London Athletic Club, who was to have been one of the members of the team of that organization now in the United States, but who declined to go, has called to the attention of the club the expenses of Kilpatrick and Conneff, of the New York Athletic Club, respectively, the champion runners at 440 and 880 yards, and one, three and five miles, if they will come to England and compete in the standard races in November, with himself and Aaron, respectively, the contest between himself and Kilpatrick to be at a distance of half a mile.

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The leading track of each club for the season just closed is as follows: Philadelphia, 100; Cleveland, 100; Chicago, 100; Baltimore, 100; St. Louis, 100; New York, 100; Boston, 100; Cincinnati, 100; Brooklyn, 100; and Pittsburgh, 100.

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